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4:30 - 5:30 PM

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"William H. Pickering: Deep Space Pioneer"

An Anecdotal Tale of Biographical Discourse

Presented by Douglas J. Mudgway, retired DSN Manager for Surveyor, Viking, and Galileo Missions

The story of Explorer 1 and William Pickering's part in it have been well exposed in recent months. But what came before the event that boosted Pickering to world-wide fame, and what eventually happened to him after his retirement from JPL is not generally known. This is the subject of Mudgway's new book, "William H. Pickering: America's Deep Space Pioneer."

In this story, Mudgway discusses his JPL experience (1962-1992) and the intriguing background that led to this fascinating book. He draws on his personal acquaintance with this enigmatic man to give us a unique glimpse into the life and times of JPL's famous Director.

Everyone is welcome.

